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Serial Nos. 142

Part B for April 1933

SUBJECT.

Municipal perquisites enjoyed by the Deputy Commissioner, Chittagong &c.

CHITALDRUG NOTES.

Received Secy
Post from Chitaldrug.

The Veerakesari dated 13th March 1933.

A special meeting of the Municipal Council was held on the 11th instant. The consideration of the subjects on the agenda over, the Report of the Audit Committee was taken up for discussion. The Committee have discovered many irregularities in the accounts of the Municipality. They ~~were~~ objected to ~~and~~ several items of expenditure, of which the most important is the supply of a Petromax lamp and an ordinary lamp to the D.C's bungalow at the cost of the Municipality. The Audit Committee are of the opinion that the expenditure on account of these lights should be recovered from the Deputy Commissioner, as he has no connection with the Municipality, his control over its affairs being strictly limited, and as he has no right to expect any service from the Municipality. This view was strongly opposed by the Executive Engineer Mr. Thippiah and some hot words ensued. He was supported by Mr.Thippiah, P.W.D.Contractor. Mr.S. Ranga Rao criticised the observations of the Executive Engineer and he was supported by Mr.Hanumantha Raju, Khaji Syed Mohiyuddin Hussain. The President also [supporting the view of the Secretary] Mr. Ranga Rao, said that [he would immediately withdraw] the lights as also the two peons ~~now~~ detailed for duty under the Deputy Commissioner. The non-official members of the Council think that on such matters, it would be appropriate for the official members like the Executive Engineer to keep aloof from the discussion, for it is but natural that they should side with the D.C.

Send Secy

I am inclined to agree with Mr. Rau. Please ask D.C. why he is daily using Petromax lamp of the Municipality - Some extraordinary case.

Similar enquiries may be made of other D.C's & S.D.O's also in charge of Municipalities (I mean those who are Presidents) what perquisites they get from the Municipalities

1873

Gene

Submitted C-B-2133

III—2

2 Translation of an article in Veerakesari &
a Cutting from daily Post
Re: Municipal meeting in Chitaldrug.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICE 25 1933

18/8/33

3 Gr. Secy

4 Secret - C.B

5 Please prepare a statement

RR
20/3/33.

6 Two drafts submitted

{The Translation put in the file does not seem to be accurate; some pencil corrections}

CSR 20/8/33

7 For perusal before issue

RR
20/3/33.

CSR

8 RD Wrenden Hd Clk of Sec

CENTRAL OFFICE 20 MAR 1933

Maybe dealt with in L.S.G. Branch

RR 21/3/33

(Spoken to Ch. Sec.) please treat the letter to Dc. as Confdl that it was written in the Confdl file.

9 Issue

RR 21/3/33

10) RR 21/3/33

Secretariat, Council, Section. No. 7718

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

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Sent to L.S.G. Br

Confdl file. The other correspondence is being transferred in the L.S.G. Br. RR 22/3

Municipal perquisites enjoyed by the D.C. Chilaw

2290

File No. of 193 . General and Revenue Secretariat

To

The Deputy Commissioner Chilaw

2891 dy 23. 3. 33

Calls for a report in ~~subject~~ respect of the report published in "Daily post" & "Veerakesari" re. the Municipal perquisites enjoyed by him ~~as Chairman of the Municipality~~

From

The Deputy Commissioner Chilaw

D.O: CC 49/32 dy 1. 4. 33

Furnishes the report called for.

11) Submitted

CBK 5/4

Gen. Secs.

12) Is there any reference to this in the Audit Report of the Municipality?

nil

6/4/33

13) The S.S.G. Br. with Compt. for noting information if any available

SS

GEN. & REV. SECT. 4362 10 APR. 1933 L. S. G. BRANCH

6/4/33

The audit report of the Municipality has not been received here yet. If approved, the file will be returned to the Confidential Branch, with the above information

10.4.33.

CB 10/4 to CB. with compliments

CB 10/4

Municipal perquisites enjoyed by the Dy Chitaldrug

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Serial No.

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Secd
12 APR 1933

From the Deputy Commissioner's report it seems that the "Audit Committee" referred to in the Municipal Proceedings is one consisting of Municipal Councillors and the report of this Committee may not be one which need ~~be received~~ come up to Govt. directly.

OFFICE
19 APR. 1933

Submd
CPR
11/4/33

Mr Seshadri says that for over 20 years, a municipal canteen has been kept in the Dy Commrs bungalow and that the services of a Scavenger have also been allowed free of charge to the Dy Commr. He has now discarded these perquisites. The Dy Commrs of the other Districts should, I think, be told to do likewise, if they are enjoying similar perquisites.

Office of the Second Member of Council
12 APR. 1933
No. 8.S.I.7.

Second Member
Dewan

11/4/33

This I gave way

RR
11/4/33.

hc
12/4/33

12-4-33

The general question of the perquisites enjoyed by other Dy. Comrs & Presidents is being dealt with in the L.S.G.Br (linked file). The orders in this file will be communicated to that Br for necessary action and this file closed.

NOTE—Comm. Sheet.

WD 0246 —GPB—15,000—22-8-32

pkk
12/4/33

Please letter
letters &
return the
enclosures

CPR
15/4/33
(Genl)

Yes
RR
15/4/33

L.S.G. Br with compts
to Kms Govt
CPR 15/4

CPO 2/45

File No. of 193 . | General and Revenue Secretariat

Necessary extract has been taken. The file may now be returned to the C.B.

17.4.33

To C.B. with compliments

C.B.
17/4

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The Daily Post

(FOUNDED 1873)

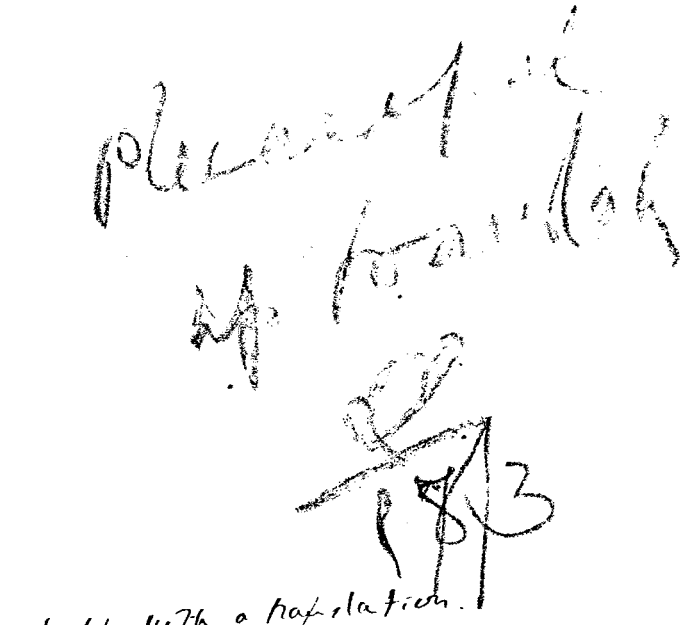
Friday Evening, March 17, 1933

Municipal Meeting

A special meeting of the Chitaldroog Municipal council was held in the Municipal Office at 8-30 A. M. on the 11th March 1933. After passing several routine subjects, the council took up the subjects of the audit committee. In the course of their audit of Municipal accounts, the members of the audit committee had observed some grave irregularities and had refused to allow certain items of expenditure in their audit, The most important irregularity was with regard to the supply of one Petromax light, one ordinary light, one sweeper and one scavenger to the Deputy Commissioner's Bungalow at the cost of the Municipality. The members of the audit committee had observed that the necessary cost incurred by the Municipality should be recovered from the Deputy Commissioner. Their contention was that the Deptuy Commissioner had no *locus standii* within the Municipal Council except the departmental connection which the legislature has laid down. They further contended that the Deputy Commissioner is not at all entitled to any privilege at the cost of the Municipality. Mr. R. Thippaiah, Executive Engineer and Ex-Officio member of the Municipal Council suddenly became vehement and requested the Official President to give some further particulars in the matter. Mr. Thippaiah, D.P. W. contractor supported the Executive Engineer. Mr. S. Ranga Rao criticised the arguments of the Executive Engineer in strong terms and upheld the objections of the audit Committee from the standpoint of a poor rate payer. Mr. S. V. Hanumantharaju, Vice-President, and Sir Khazi Syed Mohiyuddin Hussanai supported the views of Mr. S. Ranga Rao. When questioned by Mr. S. Ranga Rao, the President stated that the two Municipal lights and the two Municipal servants had been withdrawn from the Deputy Commissioner's Bangalow after the audit objections were written. This fact was recorded in the resolutions of the council and it was also resolved that the President should furnish further particulars before the next meeting of the Council.

In this connection, the feeling of the Non-Official members seems to be that, as the question of a high Officer of the District is concerned, the Executive Engineer and the other Official members would do well to refrain themselves from taking part in the discussions as it is but natural for them to support the Officer concerned.

The Veera Kesari
18.3.33



Sent with a translation.

view strongly.
Thiyagaraja opposed by the Ex. Engr. PWD
Thiyagaraja and some bad words exchanged.
He was subdued by me.
D.C.O. Secretary. Mr. S. Narayana Rao
criticised the observations of the
Ex. Engr. He was subdued by
Mr. Hanumantha Raja & Khaja Hyd
Moiyaddin Marakair. The President
also subdued Mr. Narayana Rao
said that he would remedy
the defects. He
also the Civil powers to enter deposited
for disposal under the Dy. Comm. The
Non-official members of the Committee
should have a separate room the official
persons like Ex. Engr. Tahsildar
along from the discussion, for its
last natural place they should
sit on the Dais.

Submitted

for perusal.

A| Draft II will be sent to L.S.G. for issue. & Draft II will be issued in C.B & an exact sent

B| do L.S.G.

23/3/33

Seen
ARP. 23/3

In the A...

CONFIDENTIAL.

C.B. 39-32-1

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite reference to the reports of the proceedings of a meeting of the Municipal Council of Chitaldrug Town, held on the 11th instant published in the "Veerakesari" of the 13th instant and in the "Daily Post" of the 17th instant, and to request you to state how far the information given therein is correct. Government would like to know as to the circumstances under which the lamps were supplied to your bungalow and municipal servants were detailed for work therein though you had no direct connection with the administration of the Municipality.

Particulars may also be furnished in regard to similar perquisites if any enjoyed from local bodies by the official Presidents of Municipalities in the District.

Yours sincerely,

20/3/33.

M. Seshadri, Esq., M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District.

CONFIDENTIAL.

23rd March 3.

2891/C.B 139-32-1

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite reference to the reports of the proceedings of a meeting of the Municipal Council of Chitaldrug Town held on the 11th instant published in the "Veerakesari" of the 13th instant and in the "Daily Post" of the 17th and to request you to state if the information given therein is correct. If it is, Government would like to know the circumstances under which the lamps were supplied to your bungalow and municipal servants detailed for work therein.

Particulars may also be furnished in regard to similar perquisites, if any, enjoyed by the Official Presidents of Municipalities in your District.

(Source of Municipal servants for work at residence, Hand lamps etc)

Yours sincerely,

M. Seshadri, Esq., M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District.

Fair Draft

Issue copy to R.C for information

RSQ 23.3.32

D. O. C-49/32-33.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

Dated, Chitaldrug, 1st April 1933

C.B. 2226

C.S. 139-32-2

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter No.2891/C.B. dated the 23rd March 1933 about the newspaper reports of the proceedin of the meeting of the Municipal Council held on the 11th March 1933, I write to state that the information given therein is not entirely correct. The facts are these :-

For the last twenty years and more the Municipality had allotted one lantern and one full time female sweeper to the compound of the Deputy Commissioner's Bungalow (probably because of its extensive compound). When petromax lights were first introduced about the year 1927, a light of this description was also given to the Deputy Commissioner's Bungalow and was in existence since then. Further a female scavenger of this Municipality used to clean the latrine of the Deputy Commissioner 's bungalow. I was paying Rs two to the sweeper woman and Rs 1-12-0 to the scavenger for monthly. Since this arrangement has in existence from a long time it is not possible to ascerta exact circumstances under which it came into existence.

I have reason to believe that just before Mr. Bhombore left on leave he put into the heads of Messrs. Ranga Rao and Hanumantharaju (the members of the Audit committee) this idea of starting an agitation about this matter as a countermove to the explanation which I asked of him under orders of Government about the employment of Municipal servants for domestic work. After the present President, Mr. Ramanathaiah, came here this

circumstance was brought to my notice early last month and I immediately discarded the lights and the sweeper.

So far as I am aware no official Presidents of Municipalities are enjoying similar perquisites. I am however making enquiries and shall report the result in due course.

Yours sincerely,

M Seshadri

Madhava Rao, Esquire, B.A.,B.L.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.